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In RE application of T. ONO et al  
Serial No.: 08/979,810

Group Art Unit: 3625

Filed: November 25, 1997

Examiner: F. Thompson, Jr.

For: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SUPPORT METHOD AND APPARATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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x 42	\$
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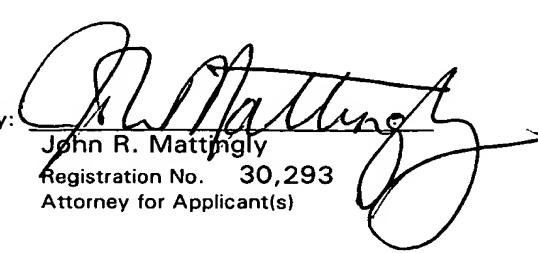
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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2002,  
Applicants respond as follows.

REMARKS

Prosecution has been reopened in the present application by the Examiner through an Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, following the Appeal Brief filed February 15, 2002. In the May 20, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Talati et al. All of pending claims 1-14 and 29-44 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Talati et al in view of Wiecha.

Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are patentable over the combination of Talati et al (hereinafter Talati) in view of Wiecha for the reasons set

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